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SUBJ: SYRIAN-TURKISH BORDER AGREEMENT

FBIS REPORTED MARCH 19 TEXT OF MENA STATMENT CAIRO THAT "SYRIA AND TURKEY HAVE COMPLETELY AGREED ON ALL BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM" AS RESULT TALKS HELD IN MARDIN. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS REPORT WITH SYRIAN MFA OFFICIAL AND TURKISH EMBASSY SOURCE. BOTH STRESSED THAT AGREEMENT SETTLED ONLY PRIVATE PROPERTY CLAIMS BETWEEN NATIONALS OF TWO COUNTRIES, AN ISSUE OUTSTANDING FROM OTTOMAN DAYS. SYRIAN MFA OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IT DID NOT PREJUDICE OR AFFECT SYRIAN CLAIMS REGARDING ALEXANDRETTA-ISKENDERUN, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN RELINQUISHED. TURKISH EMBASSY SOURCE STATED THAT, WHILE SYRIANS STILL IN PRINCIPLE MAINTAIN PRETENSIONS TOWARD THAT REGION, ISSUE IS PRESENTLY DORMANT AND DOES NOT HINDER DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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